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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR COMANCHE COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

Comanche, Texas, March 29, 2004 - Comanche County Water Supply Corporation (WSC), located in Comanche County, received a \$700,000 loan and a \$1,800,000 grant from USDA Rural Development announced Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.



From the left: Kenneth Dabney, CCWSC board member; Robert Vernon, CCWSC past board member; Hiram Smith, Developing De Leon Today Chairman; Judge James McArthur, Comanche County Judge, Roy Kubiak, CCWSC board member; Ruth Shugart, CCWSC past board member; Randy Beyer, Project Engineer - Jacob and Martin Engineers; Margie Gleaton, Rural Development Area 2 Director; John Adcock, De Leon Mayor; Bryan Daniel, Rural Development State Director; Sam Robinett, CCWSC incoming board member; Norman Williams, CCWSC board President; Travis Day, CCWSC board member; David Ward, CCWSC board member; Kathy Corry, Plant Supervisor; Patricia Butler, Rural Development Community Development Specialist; Susan Gossett, CCWSC Office Manager; Gene Lee, Field Supervisor; Barbara Helberg, De Leon Chamber of Commerce; Larry Boyd, CCWSC board member

"One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide water and wastewater treatment programs that target public health benefits and provide economic opportunities to America's rural communities," said

Daniel. "USDA's water and wastewater loan program helps rural communities keep pace with the needs of their rising populations."

The funds were used to install approximately 75 miles of water line, 0.2 mg standpipe, a hydro-pneumatic pump station, and to make improvements to an existing pump station at Beattie. This will provide service to approximately 455 users.

In Fiscal Year 2003, \$64.4 million of loan and grant assistance was infused into 71 projects, and assistance was provided to 137,451 rural Texans. USDA Rural Development's water and wastewater program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operated on a nonprofit basis, and Indian tribes, that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms, are eligible for assistance.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Brownwood Local Office at (325) 643-1585, extension 4.

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The USDA Rural Development mission area was created in 1994 and includes the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's 53 million rural people.

For more information on USDA Rural Development programs in Texas, check our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.